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He Also Reorganized Detroit
and San Francisco Bureaus
—Served as Naval Attache

Capt. Thomas F. Cullen, U. S. N., a former Navy attaché in Havana and Rio de Janeiro and a former head of the New York office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, died Wednesday in the San Francisco Naval Hospital after an illness of two months. He was 56 years old.

Born in Washington, a son of Alfred and Mary Cullen, Mr. Cullen opened a law office there after graduating from Georgetown University. His work for a defendant in the Teapot Dome oil case caught the attention of J. Edgar Hoover, director of the F. B. I., who invited him to join the bureau.

Mr. Cullen helped reorganize various bureau offices for Mr. Hoover, including those in Detroit and San Francisco. He also had worked in Chicago. He was credited with playing an important part in the arrest of the kidnappers of John J. O'Connell of Albany in 1933. He also took part in the Lindbergh kidnapping case.

From 1934 to 1936 Mr. Cullen was a special writer for International News Service. He later did special for the Will Hays office in Hollywood. In 1937 he organized investigative units for the Farm Security Administration and the Works Progress Administration. From mid-1937 to 1940 he was an attorney with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Mr. Cullen was a Navy veteran of World War I and World War II. In the latter, he served as intelligence officer for the Ninth Naval District at Great Lakes, Ill.

Mr. Cullen transferred from the reserve to the Navy in 1946 and held various posts in Washington with the Chief of Naval Operations. He helped the first director of the Central Intelligence Agency, Rear Admiral S. W. Souers, organize the top-secret operation.

Surviving are his widow, Hildegard, and two sisters, Mrs. Madeline Trevitt and Mrs. Florence Golsen of Silver Spring, Md.